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Dear Ms. Hyde and Mr. Feldt,

I'd like to inform you on the status of our efforts to address groundwater contamination in Kewaunee County.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is committed to keeping our state's groundwater and surface waters clean and safe. We take that responsibility very seriously. Based on recommendations made in the Kewaunee Groundwater Collaboration Workgroup report, the DNR is already moving to strengthen water quality performance standards in sensitive areas that feature karst type geology with shallow soil, not just in Kewaunee and adjacent counties but other areas of the state with similar geology.

The department is taking the first required legal steps to update chs. NR 151 and, by reference, NR 243, Wis. Adm. Code, by preparing a scope statement for review by the Natural Resources Board (NRB) in August. The scope statement for the proposed rule revisions will propose to consider rule changes defining sensitive areas and identifying performance standards for how manure is applied in those areas. The rule making process will allow for public participation as the rules are developed.

While the DNR is still reviewing the final Kewaunee Groundwater Collaboration Workgroup report, we have already begun implementing some of the recommendations. For a full set of recommendations please review the final report on the web at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/groundwater/collaborationworkgroup.html>. The department will be taking further steps to address those recommendations directed to DNR, and will issue periodic status updates.

In addition, we would be happy to continue to serve as facilitator for those work groups that will continue to meet, and we're also willing to post on the DNR web site any EPA or Kewaunee

County proposed actions in response to workgroup recommendations in the Final Report, along with the proposed actions we intend to take in response to workgroup recommendations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cathy Stepp". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Cathy Stepp
Secretary